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In re Application of:

Edward J. Cheal, et al.

Patent No: 7,044,975 B2

Application No: 10/605,322

For: *Joint prostheses and components thereof*

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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
OF PATENT FOR APPLICANTS' MISTAKE (37 CFR 1.323)

Sir:

Applicant/Patentee requests the issuance of a Certificate of Correction to correct the following errors in the patent:

Col. 12 line 10: "0.00010" should be --0.0010--.

Col. 12 line 30: "pigot" should be --spigot--.

In each of claims 18-22: "stem component" should be --joint prosthesis--.

The first two mistakes are the fault of the office, because the application as filed did not contain these errors. *See* paragraph [0053] of the application as filed September 22, 2003 and as amended by the amendment filed September 27, 2004.

Applicant/Patentee made the mistake that affects claims 18-22. These claims were originally presented as claims 20-24 and depended upon an independent claim (original claim 19) drawn to a "stem component." When Applicant/Patentee amended that independent claim to

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be dependent upon claim 1 and to recite instead a "joint prosthesis," it unintentionally failed to amend the preambles of the claims dependent thereon.

This mistake is of a clerical nature, a typographical nature, or a mistake of minor character. It does not constitute new matter and does not require reexamination because the requested change would not materially affect the scope or meaning of the patent.

A form PTO/SB/44 showing the requested corrections accompanies this Request.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the required \$100 fee (fee code 1811, 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(a)), as well as any other required fee, to Deposit Account No. 06-1448, ref. APK-001.02.

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CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

PATENT NO : 7,044,975 B2

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent are hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 12,

Line 10, replace "0.00010" with --0.0010--.

Line 30, replace "pigot" with --spigot--.

Column 19,

Line 8, replace "stem component" with --joint prosthesis--.

Line 10, replace "stem component" with --joint prosthesis--.

Column 20,

Line 1, replace "stem component" with --joint prosthesis--.

Line 7, replace "stem component" with --joint prosthesis--.

Line 9, replace "stem component" with --joint prosthesis--.

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